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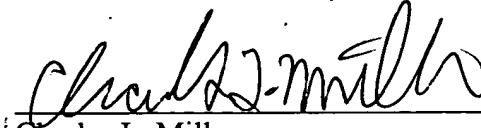
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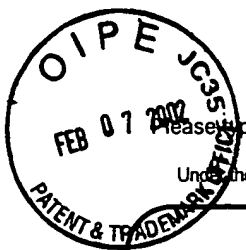
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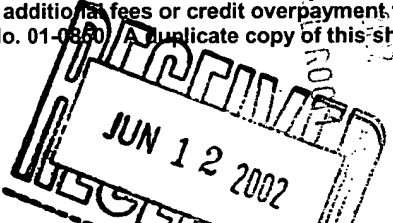
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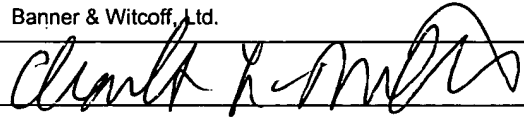
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In the Application of: Nichols, et al.

Serial Number: 09/868,689

Filing Date: February 8, 1999

Title: A System, Method and Article of Manufacture for a Simulation System for a Simulation Engine with a Help Website and Processing Engine

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